

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Laura Dable on October 23, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In The Claims

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anchoring

Claim 6, line 5, before "~~anchor~~" insert --adhesive coated--.

Reasons For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest reference is that of U.S. Patent No. 5,843,025 (the '025 patent"), having an issue date of December 1, 1998 and a filing date of April 23, 1996. The '025 patent is a CIP of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/428,887, which had a filing date of April 25, 1995. The '025 patent discloses adhesive anchors (5) for application to the skin and external arms (3) for direct adherence to the anchors for securing a dressing in place (Fig. 1). Also disclosed in an alternate embodiment are adhesive anchors and a dressing having coextensive arms attachable to the anchors. These anchors keep the dressing in place on the user.